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at the same moment in order to go to Mecca and if the same phenomenon is observed in the process to go to Benaras or anywhere else, Government are bound to take sanitary and other precautions and provide facilities for people, according to their convictions. The conception of a secular State keeps out partiality against one or another community. But this is a question of public health and public facility for large bodies of people who are eager to go at a particular time on a particular pilgrimage. There is no contradiction in it.''

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI :—'' What are the qualifications of the members of this Haj Committee? ''

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—'' They must be elected by the organizations which the Government have approved of as the electorate.''

SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU :—'' Sir, the Hon. the Chief Minister was pleased to state that it was the duty of the Government to provide necessary facilities for the large bodies of Muslims who go on Haj pilgrimage from India. I concede that point. Does it follow, therefore, that Government provide transport facilities only and nothing else? ''

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—'' Inoculation, vaccination and such other hygienic precautions have also to be taken.''

Building schemes of the City Improvement Trust.

* 90 Q.—SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the City Improvement Trust, has undertaken building schemes in a number of places in Madras ;

(*b*) if so, the places where they have built the tenements ;

(*c*) who fixes the rent for the rooms in the tenements built by the Trust ;

(*d*) in building tenements do the Trust take into consideration the rent payable and the capacity of the original dwellers in those places ; and

(*e*) in undertaking improvement work in slums and other places, how are the original occupiers of the land taken up for improvements disposed of?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) It is a fact that the City Improvement Trust, has undertaken building schemes in a few places.

'' (*b*) (i) Forty-eight (48) apartments have so far been built at Cox Cheri, near the Railway level-crossing, Chintadripet ;

(ii) A few model and experimental houses have been put up at Mambalam South Area, near Saidapet Toll gate and at Kodambakkam, near the Railway level-crossing.

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" (*c*) The Chairman fixes the rent with reference to the cost of the tenements. But as regards rehousing the dishoused people, consideration is shown in the matter of rent.

" (*d*) In building tenements, the Trust, no doubt, takes into consideration the capacity of the original dwellers to pay rent. But it is found not possible to construct houses, at low cost, in view of the prevailing high cost of building materials and to fix low rents which will be within the capacity of the original dwellers.

" (*e*) The original occupiers are provided with alternative accommodation in the scheme area itself, as far as practicable and where this is not possible, alternative accommodation is provided elsewhere. Generally they are given some ex-gratia grants in addition to providing alternative accommodation."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" Arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister that some of the tenements built recently by the City Improvement Trust are at Cox Cheri, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the residents of that Cheri who have been living there from time immemorial have been ejected from that place and sent to far away places? " 11 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Five families have been accommodated in hutments at Kodambakkam, 60 families from Cox Cheri have been shifted to Kodambakkam and 60 more families will have to be shifted there and provided with hutments."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" Is it not a fact that all these tenements have been let out to the Corporation employees and the original dwellers have been shifted to places far away from Chintadripet? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The tenements that have been put up there are kept vacant as water-supply and electricity have not yet been provided."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" May I know the quantum of compensation that has been given to these original dwellers who have been shifted from those places? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Ex-gratia grants at the rate of Rs. 150 have been given to hut-owners and Rs. 75 to tenants."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" May I know whether this compensation has been paid directly or through intermediaries? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No information, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether the Government will give us an assurance that opportunities will be given to these ex-dwellers who have been evicted from those places, to occupy these newly built tenements in case they are prepared to pay the rents fixed by the City Improvement Trust? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" With the permission of the Minister for Health, I wish to make this statement. The Government have been considering the difficulties arising out of this process of improvement as it is called. My colleagues and I have been trying our best to see that those who have settled down in what are called slums, being really in each case the domestic and other workers in that area, were not disturbed and the improvement was made in this City without disturbing as far as possible those who are there. I am trying very hard to get this through with the City Improvement Trust and the Corporation of Madras. I hope I shall succeed."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know whether the Government have received any representation from the Harijan dwellers of Cox Cheri and Stanley Nagar that the Corporation is going to evict the residents of about 20 houses in Stanley Nagar which they had been occupying for the past 20 years? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" In view of the attitude indicated by the Government and people having got to know of it, several petitions are coming every day. We are considering to remove the difficulties as and when we get to know them. So, there is no need for any apprehension that anybody will be turned out."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" May I know what category of people will have the benefit of occupying these tenements? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Hon. Chief Minister has already said that all the complicated problems arising out of slum clearance in the City will be considered at a conference which will shortly be called. It will be a conference of the Corporation Commissioner, the Chairman of the City Improvement Trust, the Collector of Madras and the concerned Ministers."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" My question has not been answered. asked, what categories of people will get the benefit of having these tenements constructed by the Improvement Trust? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not understand the hon. Member's question. Does he mean by ' categories of people ', Brahmins, non-Brahmins, Harijans and so on? "

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" I want to know who will have the claim to occupy these tenements."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" These tenements will be given to houseless people who can afford to occupy them. Each of these houses has cost Rs. 6,000 and the economic rent will be Rs. 45 per month."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" The Hon. Minister just now said that there will be a conference very soon to settle all the complicated problems arising out of these evictions. May I know whether the Government will give a place to some representatives of the dwellers who are being evicted, in that conference? "

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The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I shall be present on their behalf." (Laughter.)

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" With all respect to the Hon. Chief Minister, I wish to state that the question has not been answered. His presence does not avail. I am asking whether any representative from among the dispossessed people will also be given a place in the conference to represent their case and position. However kind-hearted the Chief Minister may be, he cannot represent them. They can represent themselves better."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it will not be a Parliament. Already, the hon. Member knows who represent the other interests, viz., the Corporation Commissioner and the Chairman of the City Improvement Trust. In order to beat them down, I think the Chief Minister would be better than a representative from the tenement-holders."

Sri C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" Will the Government immediately communicate their policy to the Chairman of the City Improvement Trust so that he may not go about evicting these poor people day in and day out? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" He is already aware of our policy."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know whether at least representations of these poor dispossessed people will be heard at the conference? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Most of the dispossessed members know it. Already I am getting numerous petitions asking us to come to their assistance. I do not think it right to make a division of grievances between the Opposition and the Government. This is a common matter."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" I am sorry the Hon. Chief Minister is bringing in a new line of thought saying that we are dividing the grievances between the Opposition and the Government. It is not like that, Sir. A conference is going to take place. I am asking whether it would not be proper to give a hearing to the grievances of these poor dispossessed people."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry to encourage a debate like this. I must clear the doubts of the hon. Leader of the Opposition. It is an administrative conference. Grievances are well-known and difficulties are well-known. There is no question of a debate. The only question is what we should do. In the conference we will discuss the whole matter and come to a decision and everybody will know that. If necessary, there may be a discussion later on. But, at first, a preliminary conference among the administrative interests concerned must be held so that the policy may be clearly laid down."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" If it is only a preliminary conference, it is allright, Sir."

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SRI A. RATHINAM :—" In view of the fact that the authorities of the City Improvement Trust are asking the Harijans to vacate these hutments within 24 hours, may I know whether the Government will consider the question of amending the City Municipal Act? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Chief Minister has already answered the question."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member is 24 days too late, Sir." (Laughter.)

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Minister said that compensation had been paid to those who had been already evicted. In view of the fact that we know that the Cox Cheri people have not been given any compensation, will the Hon. Minister institute an enquiry into the whole matter and find out whether these poor people have been paid the compensation amount or whether the compensation amount that has been sanctioned by the Government has been swindled by somebody and, if so, how much? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I shall get the information, Sir."

SRI T. SHANMUGAM :—' ஒரு வீடுகட்ட ஆறுயிரம் ரூபாய்கள் செலவாகிறது என்பதற்காக அவ்வீட்டுக்கு 45 ரூபாய்கள் வாடகையென்று நிர்ணயிப்பது அதிகமில்லையா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Cheaper tenements are proposed to be put up at Kodambakkam."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONI PILLAI :—" In view of the fact that the main problem is not an administrative problem, but one relating to the question of economic rent, may I know whether the Government will sympathetically consider the request of the Chairman of the City Improvement Trust that a subsidy of 20 per cent of the cost of the tenements be paid in the same manner as the Central Government are giving a subsidy of 20 per cent towards industrial housing? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That matter will be taken into consideration at the conference."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know whether the Government, in fixing the rent for these tenements, will adopt the principle laid down in the Local Boards Act and Municipalities Act, for arriving at the rental value, i.e., divide this Rs. 6,000 by 20, deduct one-third for value of land and then divide it by 12 and thus arrive at the rent that is to be charged? That will be just about Rs. 16 or Rs. 17."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I am not able to understand the mathematical formula propounded by the hon. Leader of the Opposition."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Let me make my point clear. In the District Municipalities Act, a formula has been prescribed for fixing the rental values."

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" If the hon. Member will put his proposal in writing, I will have it considered."

Payment of advance compensation to small estate holders.

* 91 Q.—SRI G. C. KONDAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have completely paid the advance compensation to all small estate holders whose estates have been taken over by the Government in the first batch? 11-15 p.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is presumed that by the term 'small estate holders', the Member means the holders of inam estates. The amounts of advance compensation payable in respect of the inam estates taken over in the first batch on 1st October 1951, were deposited in the offices of the respective Estates Abolition Tribunals before 31st March 1952. The Tribunal will pay the amounts to the persons entitled to them after determining the value of their respective interests in the estates."

SRI G. C. KONDAIAH :—" May I know when compensation will be paid for the second batch of estates taken over?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No exact time can be given now. But the question will be taken up in due course."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Will the Government consider the question of postponement of payment of compensation to the zamindars by about 20 years so that the money thus saved might, in the meanwhile, be spent on rehabilitation work in the famine-affected areas?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No Sir."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know how many estate-holders have taken compensation from the Government?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In the first batch, 3,391."

SRI K. V. RAMESAM :—" May I know how many estates in Visakhapatnam district have been taken over by the Government and how many have been compensated for?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I want notice."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" Will the Government take early steps to pay compensation to these displaced zamindars?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know whether, in view of the financial crisis the Government are